

CHAPTER 138.

AN ACT to better regulate the time and manner of taking and catching fish in the waters of Eastern bay and Chester river and their tributaries, within the jurisdictional limits of Queen Anne's and Kent counties.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to take, capture or destroy fish in the waters of Eastern bay and Chester river and their tributaries, within the jurisdictional limits of Queen Anne's and Kent counties, by seines, drag-nets, set-nets, fish-baskets, fish-pots, weirs, pound-nets, fykes or any other means or contrivance whatsoever, which is now known or used in the capturing or destroying of fish, or which may hereafter be invented for that purpose, from the twentieth day of May to the first day of August, except with hook and line; provided, however, that the seines or nets may be used for taking taylor and mackerel; provided, the meshes of such nets or seines are in the bar not less than one and seven-eighth inches, or in the mesh not less than three and one-half inches.

Fishing in
Eastern Bay
and Chester
River.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons who use stakes or poles in setting nets of whatever class or description, in the waters mentioned in the first section of this act, to leave such stakes or poles in the waters where they were used, but shall remove or have removed such stakes or poles from the waters where they were used, on or before the first day of June in each year, nor shall they again be put down in said waters prior to the tenth day of August following.

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SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons in said